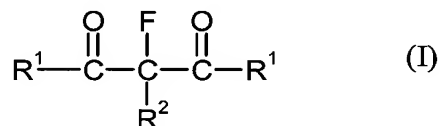


***Amendments to the Claims***

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for the preparation of compounds of the ~~general~~ structure (I),

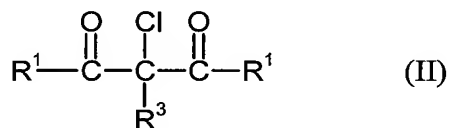


wherein

$\text{R}^1$  is alkoxy with 1 to 4 carbon atoms and

$\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen or fluorine,

comprising reacting a compound of ~~general~~ structure (II),



wherein

$\text{R}^1$  has the meaning described above and

$\text{R}^3$  is hydrogen, fluorine or chlorine,

with 1.4 to 2.0 mol equivalents of an addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine per mol of starting material of structure (II) at temperatures of 103°C to 115°C at 800 to 1200 mbar.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein R<sup>1</sup> is methoxy or ethoxy.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the temperature is from 105°C to 110°C.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine contains 1.2 to 1.8 mols hydrogen fluoride per mol triethylamine.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 2, wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are hydrogen.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the temperature is from 105°C to 110°C.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as described in claim 2, wherein the addition product of hydrogen fluoride and triethylamine contains 1.2 to 1.8 mols hydrogen fluoride per mol triethylamine.